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SUBJECT: OAS REFORM: MORE FROM PITY

1. IN 15,000 WORD, 75-MINUTE PREPARED STATEMENT TO OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MARCH 10, PANAMA'S OAS AMBASSADOR PITY AGAIN CATALOGUED ISTORIC LA GRIEVANCES AGAINST US, CHARACTERIZED CHARTER REFORM PROCESS AS AN LA EFFORT TO RESIST US HEGEMONIC TENDENCIES, AND DECRIED EFFORTS OF "MOST POWERFUL MEMBER" TO IMPOSE SILENCE ON THE OTHERS. APPARENTLY STIMULATED BY THE SECRETARY'S APPEALS DURING RECENT TRIP TO REDUCE CONFRONTATION WITHIN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, PITY DEVOTED MUCH OF ADDRESS TO JUSTIFICATION FOR LA USE OF OAS AS FORUM TO PROTEST US "INJUSTICES", AND "INTERVENTIONS". UNSTATED BURDEN OF PITY'S MESSAGE WAS THAT OTHER MEMBERS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR AND RESIST ANY

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EFFORTS BY US TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION TO

DEBATE AND CRITICIZE US POLICIES AND ACTIONS.

2. SOME OF PITY'S CHOICER LINES WERE:

-- THE OAS CHARTER "SHOULD NOT BE A MUTE AND IMPOTENT
WITNESS OF DOMINATION AND INJUSTICE."

-- MY COUNTRY STOOD BY THE U.S. (DURING THE WAR WITH
JAPAN) AND IN "THE LATER RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD AFTER THE
GENOCIDE AT HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI."

-- "THERE CAN BE NO TRUE, FREE ORGANIZATION...OF
NATIONS SO LONG AS HEGEMONY IS THE AMBITION OF SOME AND
BOWING AND SCRAPING THE CONDUCT OF OTHERS."

-- UNLESS THE "CHAINS OF IMPOSITION AND VASSALAGE
ARE BROKEN" WE SHALL BE "AN ORGANIZATION OF FRIGHTENED
DWARFS" OR A "SANHEDRIN OF FROGS CROAKING IN UNISON..."

3. USOAS CONSIDERS PITY SPEECH ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE
BECAUSE IT COMES AT TIME WHEN WE WERE BEGINNING TO FIND
GROWING SYMPATHY AMONG OTHER PERMANENT COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR
OUR UNHAPPINESS WITH NEW CHARTER PROVISIONS. WE ARE
POUCHING SPANISH TEXT OF STATEMENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION
AND FOR WHATEVER USE YOU MIGHT THINK APPROPRIATE IN BRING-
ING PITY'S PERFORMANCE TO ATTENTION OF GOP. INGERSOLL

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